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1. [REDACTED] the resignation of the Communist Minister, Vicente Uribe, from the Llopi's Government, represented the decision of Dolores Ibarruri. The Communist Secretary General reasoned that the crisis was inevitable, and that Uribe's resignation would pave the way for the Communists to set themselves up as standard-bearers for the Republican Institutions. The Communists believed that Jose Giral would accept the task of forming a new government and they expected to be called to be a part of it. 25X1X6
2. [REDACTED] the high councils of the Communist Political Bureau had a spirited discussion concerning the tactics to be followed with respect to the Albornoz Government. The majority were in favor of an offensive against it, but the temporizing policy advocated by Santiago Carrillo, with the support of Ibarruri, finally prevailed.
3. Reportedly, the Communists are much concerned about the meeting of the Republican Cortes to be held in Blois.* They will take inventory of the various shades of opinion and if they see that the Prietist thesis probably will prevail, they will stay away from the meeting, with the object of preventing the obtaining of a quorum. They will try to have other fellow-traveling deputies follow their line. [REDACTED] the Communists are greatly concerned about the activities of Prieto. 25X1X6
4. The Communists are disgusted with Negrin and his left-wing Socialist group because of their inactivity. Daniel Anguiano, a director of the dissident faction of the Union General de Trabajadores, claims to have approached Negrin several times without result. Reportedly, Negrin is concerned solely with maintaining an efficient information service to keep him in touch with events inside Spain and in exile. He pays his agents very well. [REDACTED], the former Director General of Revenue Guards, Marcial Fernandez, frequently travels from America to Spain to collect information for Negrin, his trips being made through Portugal, possibly with a forged passport. 25X1X6

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* Comment: As has recently been reported in the press, the Cortes meeting originally scheduled for 25 November has been postponed.

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5. [REDACTED] the Spanish Communists had contributed 700,000 francs to the French Communist propaganda campaign in the recent elections. [REDACTED] at a Communist pre-election rally in Toulouse on 4 October several persons who attempted to express views contrary to those of Andre Marty, principal speaker, were beaten. The police intervened and arrested sixteen persons, all of whom were Spanish.

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